योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) बिहार की जनसंख्या सात करोड़ के स्तर को पार कर गई है और 1-4-1987 की स्थिति के अनुसार इसका अनुमान 7.94 करोड़ लगाया गया। यह कहना गलत है कि बिहार मे प्रति व्यक्ति आय मे गिरावट आई है ; 1980-81 तथा 1985-86 के मध्य की पांच वर्ष की अवधि की समाप्ति पर (1970-71 के मूल्यो पर) यह 441 रु० से बढ़कर 488 रु० हो गई। राज्य में सब्जियों का प्रति व्यक्ति उपभोग अखिल भारत औसत की अपेक्षा उच्च है जबकि दूध व दूध उत्पाद तथा मीट, अंडे और मछली का उपभोग कम है।

राज्य की जनसंख्या योजना आवंटनों के निर्धारण में एक महत्वपूर्ण मानदण्ड है ; इससे केन्द्रीय योजना सहायता के आवंटन के लिए संशोधित गाडगिल फार्मूला के अन्तर्गत 60 प्रतिशत हिस्सा बनता है।

(ख) बिहार राष्ट्रीय औसत की अपेक्षा अपनी प्रति व्यक्ति आय कम होने के मानदण्ड के कारण ही यथा अनुपात उच्च केन्द्रीय सहायता भी प्राप्त करता है। राज्य में विभिन्न विकास कार्यक्रमो, विशेषकर गरीबी-रोधी कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन के परिणामस्वरूप प्रति व्यक्ति आय मे वृद्धि होने से प्रति व्यक्ति व्यय का उपभोग बढ़ने की संभावना है।

Setting up of a regional centre for Research in Atmospheric science in Orissa

*392. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Orissa Government for the establishment of a Regional Centre for Research in Atmospheric Science; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Orissa has been advised that a scheme may be prepared with 2 components (a) basic infrastructure, and (b) specific research which will have to be submitted to the Planning Commission and the Department of Science and Technology respectively.

Clearance of projects funded from external sources

*393. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has decided to give high priority for the clearance of projects which are funded from external sources during the year 1988-89; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such projects and the quantum of external aid expected for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMETATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Relevant information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

CIA base at Islamabad

*394. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has allowed the CIA to establish one of its biggest international bases in Islamabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that from this base the CIA can very conveniently gather information and intercept communications within India

and between India and the Soviet Union; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to the setting up of the CIA base in Islamabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports to this effect.

(c) Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate counter-measures.

Reservation of personal computers for the small-scale sector

*395. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics has suggested that personal computers should be taken out of the purview of the organised sector and should be reserved for the small scale sector, if so, on what grounds this industrial area was sought to be reserved for the small-scale sector.

(b) what decision has been taken in the matter; and

(c) whether the proposal has been turned down if so, on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Statement on South Africa and Programme of Action

*396. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Britain had not agreed with the statement on South Africa and the programme of action that the Commonwealth Heads of Government adopted recently; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Britain did not agree with certain parts of the Okanagan Statement and Programme of Action.

(b) Government regrets that Britain did not join the Commonwealth consensus on these issues.

Technology Mission for population control

*397. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what factors are taken into consideration before setting up of a Technological Mission;

(b) whether Government are considering the setting up of a Technological Mission for the control of population growth; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the other fields in which consideration is being given to the setting up of these missions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Some of the factors taken into consideration before setting up of a Technology Mission are:

(i) Assessment of the needs and prioritisation for instituting a technology mission.

(ii) Assessment of potential for large-scale socio-economic benefits to be accrued by instituting a technology mission.

(iii) Visible application of science and technology inputs.